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Representing Mathematical Models on the Web

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Part of DMSO Composability, (Doug Clark)





Why Ontologies?

- An Ontology provides a framework for metadata to describe models
- Meaningful interoperability requires machine readable metadata, expressing modeling concepts
 - Intelligent Agents need ontologically based metadata
- Example: HLA does not support metadata
 - HLA supports executable-to-executable communication
 - Limited semantics are expressed in the computer
 - Agreements and assumptions stored primarily in human memory, accessible only to a few



Benefits

- Open access to models by non-experts
 - Search and retrieval
- Begin automation of documentation
- Decision aids for simulation builders
 - Anticipate environmental effects in sim
- Animation engines and dead-reckoning
- Approach to true composability
 - Plug and play (not quite)



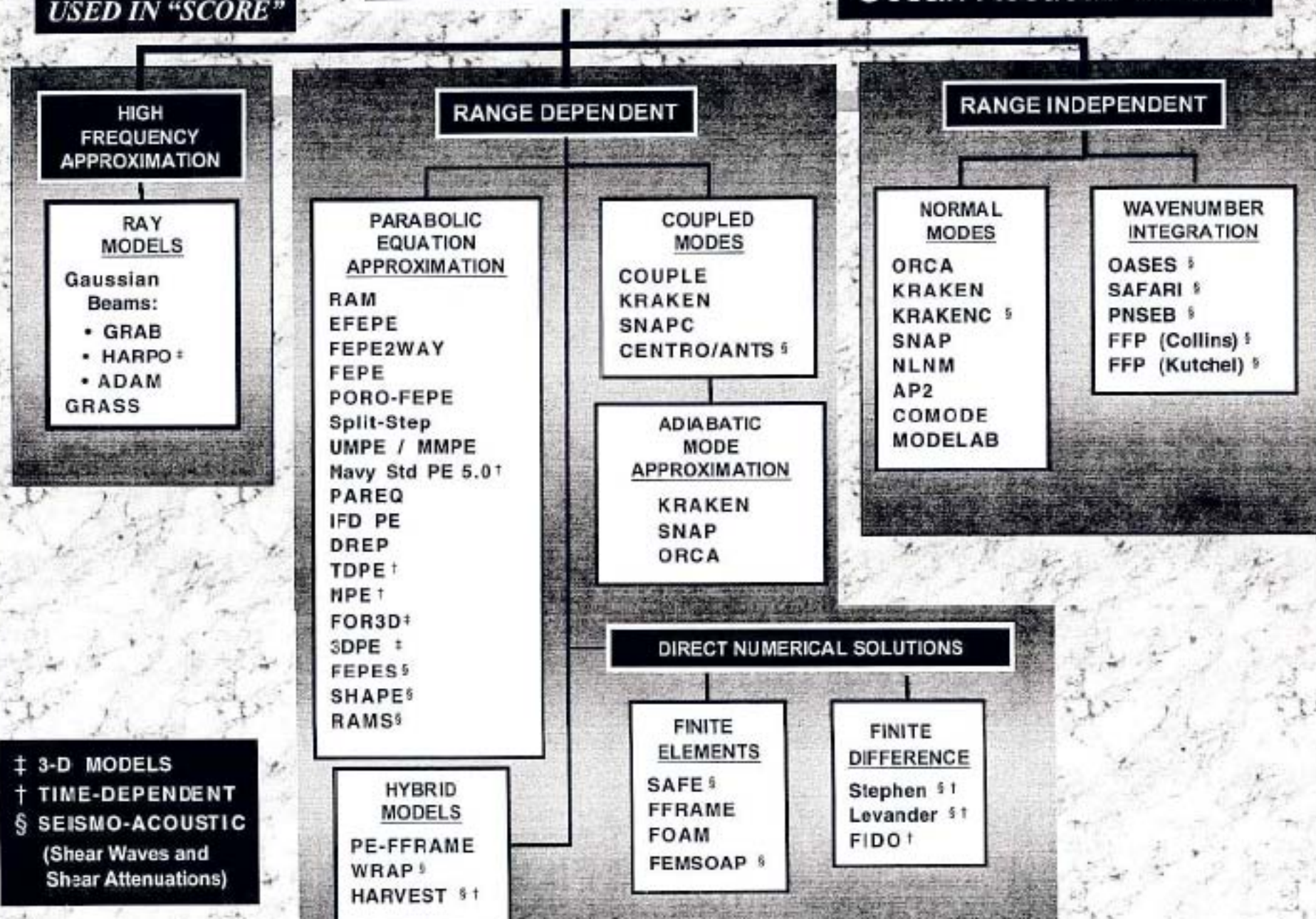
Tools

- Need to use Next Generation Language support
- There are tools that support math formalism
 - Mathematica, Maple, MuPad
 - Look for support for: objects; discrete methods
- OpenMath, MathML - Mathematical Markup Languages
- PyCES and PhysicsML
- DocBook, OMDoc

**MOST OF THESE
MODELS CAN BE
USED IN "SCORE"**

ACOUSTIC WAVE EQUATION

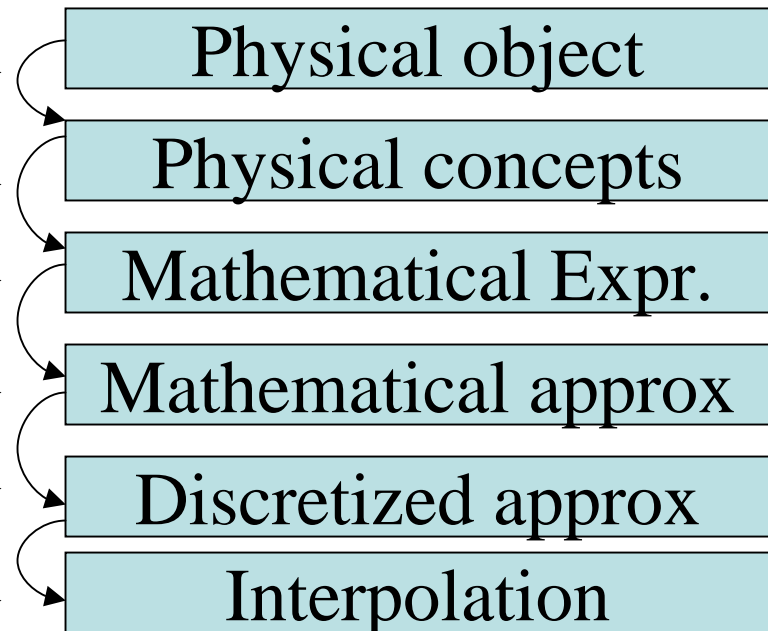
The "Zoo" of R&D Ocean Acoustic Models





A Physics-Based Model Ontology Layercake

- The thing modeled →
- The Physics →
- Language of physics →
- The easier solution →
- Let's get an answer! →
- The next guy's grid →



Each layer to layer, downward transition is **informal, one-to-many**

Can we infer the Physical Concept from the last layer?
No!



Multiple Efforts for Math Representations

- MIZAR - MIZAR language, document,
 - Dating to 1973
 - BNF specification, 2k definitions, 30k theorems
- CML
 - Compositional Modeling Language using EngMath (Engineering Math), in KIF-1990's
- OpenMath - an XML application
 - Dating to 1993
- MathML - an XML application
 - W3C Recommendation (The 1st app!)
- DocDook-MathML, OMDoc - XML applications



Web-Based = XML Applications

- XML is the emerging baseline for knowledge representation on the Web
- Content MathML and OpenMath are XML applications for specification of mathematical content
- DocBook-MathML and OMDoc are XML applications capable of representing mathematical documents



MathML

- Two Flavors specified
 - Presentation MathML and Content MathML
- Provides concept names for basic math
- Provides a construct for extension
- Many current web-browsers display it
- Reasonably mature (the first!) W3C Recommendation



Content MathML

Elements and Attributes

- math /* root element */
- Presentation_tags, Spaces, Characters
- semantics, annotation , annotation-xml
- ci, cn, csymbol,
- apply, lambda, reln, fn,
- interval, list, matrix, matrixrow, set, vector, piecewise, piece, otherwise, lowlimit, uplimit, degree, logbase, domainofapplication, momentabout, condition,
- integers, rationals, reals, naturalnumbers, complexes, primes, exponentiale, imaginaryi, notanumber, true, false, pi, eulergamma, infinity, ne, eq, leq, lt, geq, gt,
- in, notin, notsubset, notprsubset, subset, prsubset, tendsto,, inverse, ident, domain, codomain, image, fn, compose, root, abs, conjugate, factorial, minus, arg, real, imaginary, floor, ceiling, quotient, divide, minus, power, rem, plus, times, max, min, gcd, lcm,
- int, diff, partialdiff, divergence, grad, curl, laplacian, sum, product, limit,
- exp, ln, log, sin, cos, tan, sec, csc, cot, sinh, cosh, tanh, sech, csch, coth, arcsin, arccos, arctan,
- moment, mean, sdev, variance, median, mode,
- determinant, transpose, vectorproduct, scalarproduct, outerproduct, selector,
- not, implies, equivalent, approx, factorof, and, or, xor, forall, exists, card, setdiff, union, intersect, cartesianproduct,
- sep,
- declare , constructor
- bvar



Presentation vs. Content: Example

- What does a superscript mean?

$$x^i = \pi$$

- Exponent, label, element? What content?

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Differential Equations

$$\nabla^2 G - \frac{\nabla \rho}{\rho} \bullet \nabla G + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial t^2} = -\delta(r - r') \delta(t - t')$$

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MathML Shortcomings

- Last example - no Dirac delta function
- Grad, Div, Curl are inherently Euclidean
 - Require metric space, tensor descriptions
- Private extensions receive little scrutiny
- “Standard” is not easily extended
- In summary - weak extensibility when a lot of extensibility is required



OpenMath

- Exclusively content representation
- “Interoperable” with MathML
 - OpenMath Society close with W3C
- Basic specification is core of OpenMath
- Content Dictionaries (CDs) provide terms
 - Website repository for candidate CDs
- Emphasis on properties



OpenMath is Also Necessary

- Content representation and *properties*
- Mutual agreement on complementarity
- Interoperates with MathML
- XSLT translation to MathML provided
- Excellent extensibility
 - CDs on public view
 - Process for approval of CDs
- OWL translations exist for many CDs



Mathematical Documents

- Scope of declarations confined to a math element
- Symbol with a given identity may have properties that evolve in a document
- Need to state systems of equations as models
- Display is less important than meaning



Documentation Requirements

- Presentation
- Document Structure (Dublin Core)
- Data Structure, Semantics
 - Checking consistency, validation
 - Exchange with other applications
 - Reuse, draw inference



Documentation Tools

- DocBook MathML
 - DocBook is a W3C Recommendation
 - DocBook MathML is an extension
- OMDoc built on MathML and OpenMath
 - Based on “modules” of elements: DOC, Dublin Core, Creative Commons, Content MathML, OpenMath, Math Text, Mathematical Statements, Semantic Reference, Abstract Data Types, Proofs, Complex Theories, ...



Summary and Direction

- MathML, OpenMath
 - Basic foundation for web-based approach
 - OpenMath is not W3C
- OMDoc appears very promising
 - Principals receptive to collaboration
 - Does it satisfy requirement of establishing mappings between layers of abstraction?
 - Does it provide adequate scoping?
 - OMDoc is not W3C